

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11-13, 15, 19-22 and 24-27 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 19 and 21 are amended and claims 14, 16, 18 and 23 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

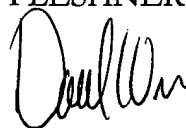
The Office Action objects to claims 19 and 21. The above amendments obviate the grounds for objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action's indication that claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11-13, 15, 20, 22 and 24-27 are allowed. Based on the above amendment, all pending claims should be allowed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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